

**REMARKS**

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 3-9, 12-20, 23-31, 43, 45, and 46 are pending and under consideration. Claims 1, 2, 10, 11, 21, 22, 32-36, 38-42 and 44 are cancelled without prejudice.

**Allowable Subject Matter:**

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claims 3-9, 12-20, 23-31, 43, 45, and 46.

**Entry of the Response under 37 C.F.R §1.116:**

Applicants respectfully request entry of this Rule 116 Response and Request for Reconsideration because the rejected claims have been canceled thereby putting the application in condition for allowance.

**Conclusion:**

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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